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Mrs. G. R. Winters
Hastford
1850
Old letters

Letter etc
of my mother

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Hartford Jan. 7th 1150

Dear Mag

As I wrote to L last it is your
time now but I am so hurried now that I can hardly
write. Christmas is over & I still have no one bird
consequently I have a great deal to do. I have sent Phoebe
home & keep Tim he is larger but not much better as to
help I keep the house cleaner than when I had more help
but I am nearly run down sometimes, & then I want you
& L at home so bad, but I will endure anything rather
than deprive you of a single advantage. Your Pa will
buy or hire the first girl that he can get that ^{is} suit-
able. Lidian is better of her lameness, Rachael is gone home
but is still very sick but always able to walk a little.
The temperance march came off admirably (I mentioned
the particulars in my last to L). I never knew so gay a
time in Hartford as they had during Christmas, there
was 4 balls & at each tavern but the ones at Walkers far
surpass'd the others they say. Miss Beach the Greenville
music teacher was at them all, & enshrined herself deeply
in the affections all the young folks by her pleasant partici-
pation in their amusements, it was very unexpected from a
citizen of G, you know how religious they are, but she
denies being a citizen. She is not more than 21 & good-
looking & said to be an elegant player, she was here a

few minutes but I did not ask her to play as it would have
been a breach of etiquette. The boys are trying to answer your
sue's letters but they have made a perfect bungle of it, it has
been so long since they have written a single word, you must burn them
as soon as you read them and this also, I have not time to show
them how to write as the mail will go out immediately. Your son
has written to L & D given ~~you~~ the news I suppose but for fear he
has not I will just mention the marriage of Harriet Ann which took
place on New Year's morn she started with in an hour afterwards

Edw.
Paid 5

Miss - Margaret E. Wall

I reckon you will think this
a funny package but the child
-dren behind her so I could not direct
the letter, it to be seen

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his little girls were brought here the day before I called her ma
before she was married they stay'd with her the night before, your grand
ma W Pa was invited also Mrs Mrs Griffin & that was the wedding party
including Dr Downard (who married them) and wife. They say the
children were very pretty. Your Cousin Lanny has a son 2 days old your
Cousin Barker has sold out & is going to live on a farm over the
creek but not before spring They say Mr G is going to teach again I hope
it will not be long for the boys are going to ruin Mrs G is in better
health but is not well yet she walks about the house do excuse this
& never writes in such a hurry, write soon as you get it I will
give myself more time when I write again E & Wall
I am just getting over a spell of toothache

March 30th

1850

Shelbyville Female College

Dear Pa

It is with pleasure that I now seat myself to write to you after hearing such good news, that we have a little sister. I cannot describe my feelings when I read it. I could hardly believe it and I feel now like I had dreamed it. Ma says we must select a name for it but I dont believe I can select one that would ^{be} pretty enough for it. Laura says she would call it - Ida but I think Seila or Paolina would be the prettiest. I cant bear to think that I have to stay here ten more weeks before I can see it. but as long as I cannot see its face I think you might send us some of its hair. I was very anxious to go home before but since I heard we had a little sister I am almost crazy.

We went to a concert Thursday night - the performers were all blind but they could play and sing as well as if they were not deprived of sight. One little girl about ten years old could read almost as well as if she had sight. Mrs Fivis scholars were all there. I saw Mary Peyton but did not get to speak to her. I think it is very hard that we cannot go to see her. I expect we will have a concert of

our own in a week or two Laura and I have to sing a duet
together but I do not know how we will succeed as you know
what a hard matter it was for me to sing at home and I know
it will be a great deal harder for me to sing here than there
As Laura has written to Aunt Liz and told her all the news I will
have to close. Give my love to all the family and especially to my
little sister and tell her when she gets a name I will write to her
Answer this immediately

Your affectionate daughter
M. E. Hall

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9 Mill City
Hartford
Ky.



The Wilson Historical Society

Shelbyville April 20th
1850

My dear Ma

We have just received Pa's and Aunt Liz's letters, I was beginning to think you had forgotten that two such beings ever existed. I hope you will be well enough to write to us next week.

Aunt Liz has not written to me since I have been here, and I do not think she has any excuse whatever.

We had a concert last night and there were a great many people here, I think it was much better than the last one. We played a duet, and also sang one. We are now going to prepare for the examinations, I do not mind anything as much as the composition. Mr Hill says we have to write them ourselves but I think it is almost impossible for me to write mine, but I can try.

You said we must tell you if we had got our dresses, we have not got them yet but I expect we will get them this evening.

When you finish your piece of poetry I wish you

would send me a copy of it - I would like to see
it very much. I have not seen the last piece you
had published we never get to see any democratic
papers here ^{as} Mr Hill and Mrs Hill are strong whigs.
I heard the other day that Marion Taylor had gone to
Cuba but I do not know whether it is true or not
Tell Pa that I have heard that Bill was going to
West Point so long that I do not know whether
to weep or not. Tell Eugene and Ixin I miss
them a great deal every morning when I wake
up I often think I can hear them talking about
their little wagons.

As I have my composition
to write to day and my clothes to mend I have
no more time to write anything more. Give my
love to all the family and receive yourself the love

of an affectionate

daughter

M C Hall

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But to illustrate this we need only of our attention upon the present
for in every day life we are surrounded by objects undergoing this change
which all things must suffer. How much wisdom we might gather from the
silent-teachings of Nature and be reminded we are ^{indefinitely} ^{moving} away. As
all things earthly are passing away it is some consolation to know that the memory
of this weak effort will not be buried in oblivion.

Hartford 28th May 1850

Dear Daughter

We have not heard from
you for some time. Two weeks has
passed and no letter from Mar
has become quite uneasy.
I suppose you have been too much
engaged with your Studies preparing
for the Examination.
We are all well except your
mother she is still on the list.
I think she certainly will get up
soon I cannot see any cause
why she should not
there is nothing new
if she is not well enough for
me to leave your uncle
Thomas will come up
in my place.

in haste Yours Affectionately
J. Hall

... now is washing with great whose voice ever
in ... those around him with courage. They too have
upon ... and sought a home in brighter regions
the ... in just and good. But are they still for-
gotten? No, their names shall never be erased from
the ... They still live to their country in her kind
remembrance of their noble deeds.

Washed
27 May 1850
Paid 5

My dear I shall
one M. H. Hill

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But to illustrate this we need only fix our attention upon the present
... we are surrounded by ...

Lanoli: this letter after night - Mill; & in great haste. Please excuse bad penman-
ship & errors
"Compoach"
Mae

South Carrollton Ky, Oct 20th/11.

My sweet, sweet Friend

I imagine my surprise upon going to the Post-Office (and hearing the delightful words "no letters for you, Miss Thomas" so often, that I had believed, all my friends, had entirely forgotten; there existed such a thing as myself to find one precious, missive, from your, our dear pen. Oh! it was a surprise beyond description. You pictured a beautiful home Fidelie, but I know how dear and beautiful to you it appears, this eve, after being separated from home and loved ones there, but don't you remember the maxim, "it's all for the best"; not in the present, do we have pleasure at school for pleasure is all ways in the past, and benefit, in the future. I know you have many more advantages in your school, for improvement than you will find in any chartered "high school." for when those words met my eyes, I think there is a great "guel" for some poor girl.

I hear from Kate occasionally she always speaks of you. Told me in her last of a "trip to 'mudily'" I envy her, those pleasant walks, but have one consoling thought, next summer we can have the same, if not-

lost in the attempt, I heard Mag Taylor, & Nannie
Kingenen married, also Mr Stowers, I know of no other
news - I have such a nice school. Nannie is assisting
me, & the Forest Inn, Martha Ross, is going to start in
the morning - Mrs Hartt, has returned to A.
& is, (as ever) the "singing bell" You did not tell me what
studies you were pursuing, except I spoke of your rapid
advancement in Latin, which I hope you are progressing
now more rapidly than, in the beginning

Do you like your music teacher? Mittie I wish
I could write you a real "newy" letter, for I think that
you would appreciate one of that description better
than any other, I hope you will be successful in ob-
taining all the golden gain possible & accrue, in
your term, already your sky is gilded with the beau-
tiful tints of knowledge - & I hope before your return
home, may be brilliantly dyed with ineffable rays
of that great luminary, thereby shedding a halo around
in order that you may be, more fully competent to fill
the position, which is destined, to be yours.

Now drarest - I have soiled one fair page - for you -
I only wish, I were competent to tell you some good,
but knowing, how good, noble, generous & kind Maggie

is, & how much more so, your Ma. to Aunt-Sister
and Daughter, that for me to attempt such a
thing - would of itself be the most absurd presumption.
Then as before remarked, "I have soiled the pages"
which if let alone would tell no tale of sentiment, or
sadness, or ought that might ever exercise a sadden-
ing influence upon your young mind -

steer forth through life, our paths may widely
diverge - but oh! 'tis the sincere prayer of my heart;
That yours may be "Angel Guarded" may they hover
around you, protecting you from all things evil -
I hope to hear from you my precious one often -
as often as your Studies will permit - I know all
about the life you lead. Having traveled over the
same roads before you - I know 'tis full of vexations
I know full well, that you are endowed with all
the slenderest energy - & consequently - I know you
will "come bravely through," I will write you a letter
next time "abounding in descriptions," for of this place
there are many things to describe

Good bye -

Marie Thomas.

I think I hear you, rec'd him, & how "romantic" "Gail's" & how "see" one
of Whitson's Bibles' papers! or no do's - "Hindoo" "Hindoo" "Hindoo"
I will drop this official paper - next time I will have Allen's paper -

Affectionately
Yours
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No. 1000 ever in L. B.

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but only the conclusion was in mine
don't write, & study too much, I
am afraid you will not stand it
I don't think I would bother with
drawing you come home
Mrs Wise has bought your grand
Pa's house, but only half of the lot
it is divided so as to leave ^{all} the lower
part - I mean next to the street
passing mortons & Males I would
rather Wise had it than any one
I know - Jeth Mosely was at
Louisville last week & sent a
note by him but he did not fa-
vor any one of the family but he sent it
I suppose you got it from your
father to come home with any body
no matter what the boys say Now
would you feel landed at a hotel
in Owensboro, in the night alone
I will help to pay your expenses
when I receive my money from M
excuse all, my paper is dirty, it is late
at night all out door in the most awful
condition with the breaking up of a deep.

now - don't get your feet damp
& always dress according to the weather
& there is no danger of bad health
W.H.W.

Martha March 1869
Dear Ida

This evening we had
the 16th mail we have had for
nearly 4 weeks, of course we could
not write unless we could send
letters, you may know we would
not neglect writing that long -
I hardly know what to write about
it has been so long, & the place
is so dull owing to the great sever-
ity of the winter, to be sure there
is some trading going on, & some
prospect of new buildings next
summer, in the way of business houses,
& dwellings, but that is a dull subject,
Eugene thinks of building a new brick
drug store which will make it neces-
sary to get all the funds we have out
& money will be a little tight where
but I think he has decided for you
to stay at School, if you think

good enough. You must take
the medicine strictly, & keep it
locked up when you are out of your
room, as it might be meddled with.
I think I will send a box by the
first Chance - make her out
of pure medicines. Henry Hall is go-
ing very soon - I will probably take
this letter, as there is no howling
green - mail the waters have been
^{higher than ever known}
up, near a month, & very little pass-
ing. The James Gray was here two
weeks ago, & is now hourly looked
for again - several are talking
of going to L on it, & that is the
only certain way to send anything
at present. I cannot make your
dress till I get directions. I think
it a pity to cut it up, & will try
to get Mag to take it for - for M,
& get me something to make the bon-
net, which I will send by somebody
as soon as possible. You cannot

come home now on account of
the roads if you wish it, unless
^{- though men can travel}
there was urgent necessity, so I
hope you will take good care of
yourself - I don't mind any
thing I have to do for you. If
you only reward ^{me} with upright
conduct, ^{which you have always done} Mag, & Mady god all
your letters this evening, & I peck
on between them & you will hear all
the news that I don't tell you in
this. In fact nothing in our set
is attended to, but Clubs & they are
very brilliant this winter, & afford
much amusement - there is scarcely
ever less than 20 & often more be-
sides the family where they meet
Mag will give you a description of
her last one - her health is toler-
ably good now - The papers are truly
amusing I think I will send you
mine to read if I have a chance
I have written a story in 3 numbers

Will miss Ida except
the company & the undir-
signed this evening at
7 1/2 o'clock. I B Mills

Dec 22nd/69

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OFFICE OF

CHAS. G. NALL,

Circuit Clerk of Webster Co.,

Dixon, Ky. March 15th 1872

Dear Ma

Your last Com^{me} to hand in due time since I last wrote you I am ashamed that I complained so much for I now am several pounds heavier than I ever was in my life and my health has improved in every respect beyond my utmost anticipation. However you must not give out coming to see the baby for I really want you to see her. She is growing very fast and is doing just as well as could be expected. and I think her the prettiest child I have. Mrs Levee wont listen to the idea of taking her away. I shall look for you when the road & weather will permit. and if you come stop at Judge Cooks. I have all but about \$300 of the notes delivered now. and I going to get balance tomorrow. I'll have to sue for all of them but one of \$500 - Love to all
Yours
C. G. Nall

Dixon Kip

Jan'y 6th 1874

Dear Blanch

Your ma received your
last several days ago and
would have written to you in
answer to it but she has had
a very sore eye and could not
write very well. We are very
glad to know that you are
so well pleased at R - with
your school and new relations
and to know that they love you
so much. We had rather a
dull holiday here with the
exception of the Christmas
tree and one or two parties.
There was no amusement of
any kind in which any but
Plebeians engaged. Your ma

and myself have neither of us
been very well and we did not
go to any of the parties nor to
the Christmas tree though we
both were remembered and each
received a present. You, ma, I
a new pair of shoes, and I
a very nice watch case. Your
Aunt Susan got a nice set
of jewelry and the children all
got some presents but, a doll
or two I do not know what
they got. Your Aunt Susan
went to Madisonville last
Wednesday and we have all
been quite lonesome since she
left. May is getting ^{along} better
well with her book. To day I
got her a slate & 3rd arithmetic
and bought May & Susan an
playing tit-tat-too - but
tomorrow her ma will give

May some seems to work
on the slate. You ma will
write to you as soon as
she will tell you all the
news. Good bye
Love
Your Ma

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If I could
about being any
of my friends
get Mr. G. see if you
thought you
could do
me some



CHAS. G. NALL,

Clerk Webster Circuit Court.

Diacon, Ky., Russellville Sept. 1875
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Dear Blanche

I would have answered
your letter sooner but have been in the
country at Mr. Thrights, very health was
so bad. I went out thought it would help
me. I had a very bad cough but I am some
better now. I wrote to Mr. Hayses about
getting a sixth situation in his school
if he taught in Hartford but he wrote
me that he was going to Dijon, but I
might perhaps get in with Mr. McEntire
and I intended writing to him before
but have not been well enough, so I
thought I would write in your letter, as I
did not know his given name. Tell Jessie, Pop
goes to Sunday School, it is very pretty and
but wants to see her so bad. Willie goes to
Mr. Shields. Lissie is not going to school
I want to write a few lines to you from Mar
so I will close, write soon to your
mother

Dear Mother

I have not been well for some time
did not think I would be able to teach this
winter but my health is better now, & I wish
you would see Mr. McEntire & if he needs
an assistant I would like to get the
situation. I would have written to him but
am not well enough acquainted with
him, I suppose Joss has written or been
to H. & told you what Mr. Lyon wrote
to me. If I get a school over there I will
take two of the children but I am not
able to take but two. Mr. L. said Joss
was going to H. and would see about
getting me a house, I would be willing
if you were to live in part of your house
& you do your cooking & me mine. Will
you see Mr. Mc. immediately & tell him to
write to me and also his terms if he
employs me. I am doing all this for
my dear little Poppie for I can't give
her up. Write as soon as you find out
what I can do.

Affectionately

Nancy Webb